

ABSTRACT

The present invention solves these problems by providing the possibility to configure or reconfigure a rate matching attribute for a given transport channel without having to perform unnecessary transport format configurations/reconfigurations. A connection with a mobile radio is established using a configuration of a radio channel that specifies a first transport format. When some aspect of the connection is to be changed, the radio channel configuration will be reconfigured, but not entirely or unnecessarily. The reconfiguration may result from a new service being added to the connection, a service for the connection being removed, or some aspect of the radio channel configuration being modified, e.g., rate change, etc. As a result of the reconfiguration, one or more rate matching parameters associated with the connection are configured without having to configure the first transport format. A rate matching algorithm is used to control an amount of data sent over the reconfigured radio channel per unit time based on one or more reconfigured rate matching parameters and one or more transport formats.